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and Method)	

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision set forth in the Official Action mailed July 19, 2006 in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 1-19.

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